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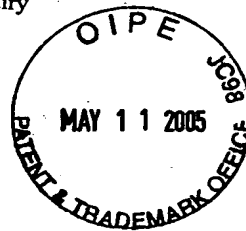
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Title: TROPIC CONVERSION OF OBLIGATE PHOTOTROPHIC  
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Applicant : Kirk Emil APT  
Filed : April 23, 2001  
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TC/Art Unit : 1645  
Examiner: : Gerald G. Leffers, Jr. (in accordance with PAIR)  
Docket No. : 62611.000171  
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**CHANGE IN ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER**

Please change the attorney docket number in the above-referenced application from 03176.000212 to 62611.000171.

**STATUS INQUIRY**

The above-identified patent application was filed in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office ("PTO") on April 23, 2001. Applicants received a Notice To Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed on May 9, 2002. A Response to the Notice was timely filed by Applicants on May 29, 2002. To date, however, Applicants have not yet received a first Office Action.

It appears that all formal requirements with regard to the application have been satisfied. Nonetheless, Applicants have not received any communication on the merits from the PTO. Applicants would appreciate an indication as to when the first communication on the merits from

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the PTO will be received. Applicants would also appreciate receiving a reply to this inquiry by telephone or facsimile as soon as possible.

For convenience, attached is a copy of the information obtained from the PTO's PAIR system with respect to the instant application. It appears that the file has been assigned to Examiner Gerald G. Leffers, Jr. as of December 18, 2001.

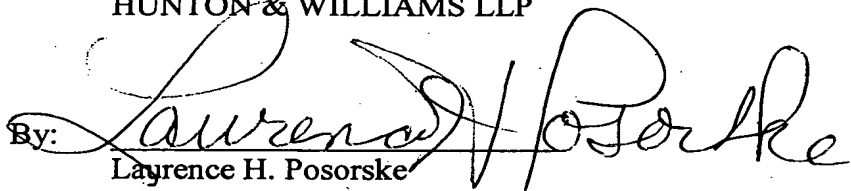
If Applicants or their representative may be of any assistance to the Patent Office in connection with this matter, the undersigned counsel would welcome a telephone call or other communication from the Patent Office.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if it is determined otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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